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OFFICIAL DOSSIER: THE 2023 PDGA – BELIZE DISAFFILIATION CONTROVERSY
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PART 1: HISTORICAL CONTEXT & ROLES OF THE PRIMARY ACTORS

I. INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY OF LAURA NAGTEGAAL (#44969)
* Policy Formulation: Joining the PDGA in 2010, Nagtegaal operated as a prominent
  insider. The PDGA Medical Committee publicly acknowledged that the April 2019
  "PDGA Policy on Eligibility for Gender-Protected Divisions" was developed
  explicitly "with input from Laura Nagtegaal."
* Conflict of Interest: Critics highlight a structural conflict of interest,
  as Nagtegaal heavily influenced the baseline testosterone limits required for
  entry into female-protected divisions while preparing to transition divisions.
* Competitive Dominance: In July 2019—the exact year the rules were enacted—
  Nagtegaal met the criteria, moved into female divisions, and won the FA40
  (Female Amateur 40+) World Championship in York, PA, by an unmatched margin
  of 21 strokes.
* Board Ascension: In August 2019, she leveraged this athletic visibility to
  win a seat on the PDGA Global Board of Directors (serving through 2022),
  cementing her absolute authority over global corporate rules.

II. THE JULY 3, 2023 RESTRUCTURING & WORKPLACE INTIMIDATION
* The Ultimatums: By mid-2023, elite pressure led the PDGA to restrict transgender

participation in the FPO division. Nagtegaal, then serving on the PDGA Women's Committee, aggressively opposed the rollback.

* Highjacking the Assembly: Exactly four minutes into the July 3, 2023 Women's Committee meeting, Nagtegaal delivered an opening speech issuing a direct ultimatum: "If you were with them then great, if not then let the blood run."
* Immediate Chilling Effect: This aggressive, top-down intimidation completely silenced dissenting biological women in the room, creating an unsafe corporate environment.
* Institutional Propaganda: With the committee paralyzed, Nagtegaal's faction turned the meeting into a political rally, outlining plans to manufacture and distribute pamphlets and flyers utilizing official PDGA avenues to enforce their theories of transgender inclusion.

III. THE EGREGIOUS INJUSTICE & THE WHISTLEBLOWER

* Silencing Rose Leonard: Believing that volunteer safety and division integrity were under an ideological coup, Rose Leonard (the sole representative from Belize) exposed the "let the blood run" threat.
* Corporate Retaliation: The PDGA Executive Board completely protected their insider. Rather than penalizing Nagtegaal, they fast-tracked a summary dismissal, firing Rose on July 7, 2023, under the guise of a "confidentiality breach."
* The Sham Probe: The PDGA closed the case by issuing a total denial that the threat occurred. They ran a lightning-fast internal probe without ever interviewing Rose or contacting Belize leadership.
* Independent Corroboration: This corporate denial was permanently dismantled when the Disc Golf Pro Tour (DGPT) privately confirmed that at least two other women present in that room stepped forward to back up Rose's verbatim account.
* An Unprecedented Exit: In protest of this cover-up and the underlying rules,

Belize Disc Golf President Chris Leonard triggered a unanimous player vote to sever ties. In doing so, Belize became the first country in the 15-year history of the International Program—and the nearly 50-year history of the PDGA—to willingly strip its own national affiliate status.

PART 2: VERBATIM EMAIL TRAIL (JULY 6, 2023 – JULY 18, 2023)

[EMAIL 1] - PREMEDITATED INTERNAL REPORTING BY BELIZE
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 1:10 PM
From: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>
To: nheinold@pdga.com, wwallis@pdga.com
Subject: Women's Committee

My wife came to me with some pretty disturbing notes from the last women's committee meeting which was led by Laura Nagtegaal. One specific quote about how if you were with them then great, if not then let the blood run.

The meeting was very political in nature, Laura Nagtegaal and the others involved with the meeting were very outspoken and the descending voices didn't even feel comfortable speaking up.

Notably missing from the event was pdga board members who have been in past meetings and the committee members who had the press conference the other day at the preserve protesting the trans involvement.

Obviously this topic is a big controversy right now

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[EMAIL 2] - PDGA LEADERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 3:04 PM
From: Nate Heinold <nate@lisopen.com>
To: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>, nheinold@pdga.com, wwallis@pdga.com
Subject: Re: Women's Committee

Chris,
Thank you for the email. Can you send me the minutes from the meeting?
I will look into this matter.
Nate

[EMAIL 3] - CLARIFYING TIMELINE OF THE THREAT
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 3:46 PM
From: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>
To: Nate Heinold <nate@lisopen.com>
Cc: nheinold@pdga.com, wwallis@pdga.com
Subject: Re: Women's Committee

From my understanding this was close to the beginning of the meeting. My wife was pretty distressed. She is out with the kids right now I can check with her when she gets home.

Chris Leonard
Belize Disc Golf

[EMAIL 4] - DIRECT FIRST-HAND STATEMENT FROM ROSE LEONARD
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 7:24 PM
From: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com> (Written directly by Rose Leonard)
To: Nate Heinold <nate@lisopen.com>
Subject: Re: Women's Committee

Hi! Good afternoon this is Rose Leonard! That happened around 4 minutes after
the meeting started, that was so uncomfortable for me to hear. I was expecting
something different for the another committee members but everything got turned
to something really different from what I was expecting, some political conversations. I feel so uncomfortable with that, If this situation continue
I’ll quit my position.

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Chris Leonard
Director, Belize Disc Golf

[EMAIL 5] - BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSES INTAKE
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 9:11 PM
From: Nate Heinold <nate@lisopen.com>
To: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Women's Committee

Thank you, I will address with the staff.

[EMAIL 6] - THE RETALIATORY REMOVAL & CORPORATE DENIAL
Date: Friday, July 7, 2023 at 3:03 PM
From: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>
To: Nate Heinold <nate@lisopen.com>, wwallis@pdga.com
Subject: Re: Women's Committee

So I just read Sullivan's email to my wife, removing her from the committee
and a complete denial of what was said in the meeting.

[EMAIL 7] - HISTORIC MOTION TO SEVER AFFILIATION
Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 10:10 AM
From: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>
To: Brian Hoeniger <bhoeniger@pdga.com>
Subject: Affiliate Status

Good Morning,
What is the process to remove Belize as a PDGA Affiliate? What impact will this have on the remainder of this year's sanctioning?
Thanks in advance

Chris Leonard
Director, Belize Disc Golf

[EMAIL 8] - INT DIRECTOR ADMITS PRECEDENT IS BROKEN
Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 12:00 PM

From: BDH <bhoeniger@pdga.com> (Brian Hoeniger, PDGA International Director)
To: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>, lrodriguez@pdga.com
Subject: Re: Affiliate Status

Hi Chris
The answer is in 15 years of the International Program nobody has asked this
before, but it can easily be done if that is the desire of Belize Disc Golf.
And anyone in Belize who is a current member and an official can still PDGA
sanction their event(s). But before we do this I have to ask why ? Official
recognition by the global governing body is meant to give BZDG credibility
plus we've supported BZ with Marco Polo grant(s). If something is amiss we'd
rather resolve than disengage. So please advise.
Thanks
Brian Hoeniger
International Director

[EMAIL 9] - EXPOSING THE COVER-UP IN THE RECORDS
Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 12:13 PM
From: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>
To: BDH <bhoeniger@pdga.com>
Cc: lrodriguez@pdga.com
Subject: Re: Affiliate Status

It started with the recent Women's Committee meeting. Rosemary our
representative bringing things to light about the meeting, then Mike Sullivan's
email below, dismissing her allegations and her from the committee. Then this
release: https://pdga.com

The disc golf community of Belize do not agree with the pdga stance against
Rose or the gender eligibility guidelines. I don't see a resolution on the
horizon. After Laura's threat of blood for those not with her agenda I sat in on
the rest of the meeting so I know either Sully is covering Laura's butt or other
people are. If you can think of something I am open to discussing.

Chris Leonard
Belize Disc Golf

[EMAIL 10] - BELIZE DEMANDS UNANIMOUS EXIT BASED ON PLAYER POLL
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 at 12:08 PM
From: Chris Leonard <belizediscgolf@gmail.com>
To: BDH <bhoeniger@pdga.com>
Cc: lrodriguez@pdga.com, nheinold@pdga.com
Subject: Re: Affiliate Status

Good Morning,
Our player base in Belize have spoken and don't support the PDGA on this

Use code with caution.

matter. The subject matter Rosemary brought to light is not in line with the players of this country's beliefs. It should also be noted that the ban on TG players only at Major and Elite events is another point of contention. Belize doesn't host these types of events meaning their involvement in events here must be permitted. A poll of the Women in Belize who are PDGA members returned at 100% agreement that they don't want transgender participation in their Female protected divisions. If the men were polled it would likely be 100% against as well. Our board members are 100% in agreement with the women.
Adding in the way our representative, Rosemary was treated by the PDGA in this matter was unacceptable. The investigation into Rosemary's post and her dismissal was done very quickly by the PDGA without anyone so much as speaking to her, yet, word has reached us that another person present at the meeting at least privately confirmed what happened.

[EMAIL 11] - DGPT CORROBORATION CONFIRMED IN WRITING

Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 at 10:27 PM

From: Chris Leonard belizediscgolf@gmail.com (To International Director)

To: Brian Hoeniger bhoeniger@pdga.com

Subject: FW: Last communication with Belize

...Rose has received Media calls, Activists calls, DGPT has called, WFDF has messaged. You acknowledged privately that things werent handled ideally, still not a single effort to reach her to date. Not an email, text, request for a phone call from anyone at the PDGA.

2 Women present at the meeting have now spoken to the DGPT and other committee members not present and backed Rose statement and context in regards to the "if you're with me great if not let the blood run" verbatim.

There really isnt a way to misunderstand the context of that.

Until recent events, I was pretty motivated to just kept doing my thing, tournaments, league, promoting memberships despite my feelings of how little the pdga was actually doing here in Latin America...

Chris Leonard

Belize Disc Golf

[EMAIL 12] - INITIATING THE DIGITAL trail SCRUBBING

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 12:07 AM

From: BDH bhoeniger@pdga.com

To: Jennie Weigand jweigand@pdga.com

Cc: Chris Leonard chrisleonard925@gmail.com

Subject: Remove Belize from webpages

Jennie

Pls remove:

Belize from list of affiliated countries at main INT Program page and

Chris Leonard as Belize country contact from contacts section

Pls confirm when this has been done

Chris - Loss of affiliation per your request also entails loss of your status

as PDGA country coordinator since the appointment and representation is by/on

behalf of the Natl Assoc...

BDH

[EMAIL 13] - CONFIRMATION OF THE REMOVAL OF BELIZE

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 11:04 AM

From: Jennie Weigand jweigand@pdga.com

To: BDH bhoeniger@pdga.com

Cc: Chris Leonard chrisleonard925@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Remove Belize from webpages

Hi BDH,

This is done. It make take up to an hour to show up if you’re not logged into

the site while the cache gets caught up.

Thanks!

Jennie Weigand

Digital Marketing Specialist

Professional Disc Golf Association

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END OF DOSSIER - HISTORICAL PUBLIC RECORD RETAINED IN PERPETUITY